

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Consent Item:**

District facility plan amendments: Caldwell and Carlisle County School Districts (Carlisle County hearing report under separate cover)

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

702 KAR 4:180

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed amendment to the current District Facility Plan for the above listed Kentucky school districts?

#### **History/Background:**

##### ***Existing Policy.***

KRS 157.420 - requires that the capital outlay and Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (Building Fund) allotment from the public school funds be used by school districts for capital construction projects defined by the district's long range facility plan (702 KAR 1:001).

KRS 157.620 - requires each school district to establish unmet facility needs (equal the sum of all capital construction priorities from the district facility plan less local available revenue) to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Offer of Assistance.

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) shall approve all District Facility Plans submitted by the local school district upon recommendation of the commissioner of education. The amendment hearing reports are attached.

We have also reviewed the non-resident agreements and the number of "out of district" students in each school district affected. (This information is enclosed herein.)

#### **Staff Recommendation & Rationale:**

Staff recommends the KBE approve the proposed amendment to the District Facility Plans for Caldwell and Carlisle County School Districts. The plans were developed in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. The Division of Facilities Management staff certify that all requested actions are justified, meet the intent to provide upgraded facilities, and are in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

**Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

In Standard 4 of the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement it is noted that the school's physical environment has an impact on student achievement. Research also indicates that better facilities enhance equity (equal opportunities for all students), attitudes and retention of staff, and parental involvement.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Public forums and local public hearings were held in the school districts.

**Caldwell County**

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 10-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

**Carlisle County**

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 9-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 3-0 to approve the amendment. The district will conduct their public hearing on September 10<sup>th</sup> and present the hearing report to the local board on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We do not anticipate any opposition to the Amendment and should receive the report for submission to the state board on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**Commissioner of Education****Date:**

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